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METHOD FOR USING THE SAMECommissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated June 18, 2002, Applicants hereby request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 12-20, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 21 and 22 as follows:

1221. (New) A floor joist retainer, for use in a concrete foundation formed by pouring concrete into forms, comprising:

a floor joist retainer body having an open front, sides, a back, a bottom, and an open top, the floor joist retainer body being configured to receive and support an end of a floor joist positioned within the floor joist retainer body through the open top and front;